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# Site Assessment CERCLIS Data Entry/Decision Form EPA Region III

Site Name: United Rigging & Hauling Site Alias: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site ID#: 03 DSN/ State ID: MD-248 SSID/ Spill ID: 03F3 EPA ID#: MD0981106768

## Site-Level Data

### Modify CERCLIS Site Information: (Enter the Site or Action-Level updates required)

Unarchive Site, add ESI Start & Site Reassessment Start & Complete

☐ Add ☐ Edit Latitude/Longitude Values: Lat: + \_\_\_\_\_ Long: - \_\_\_\_\_

Non-NPL Status: (Verify with list of valid NPL/Non-NPL values) \_\_\_\_\_ Status Change Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Merge Site/Aggregate Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Site ID: \_\_\_\_\_

(When merging or aggregating a site, identify Parent/Child relationship)

☐ Final Assessment Decision (FAD) (Can this site be Archived?)

FAD Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Archive (Check that there are No Prohibited Open Actions before Archiving)

Archive Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Unarchive (Document to Site File)

Unarchive Date: 3/12/13

☒ ERS Exclusion (An ERS Exclusion Determination Form must be completed)

ERS Exclusion Date: 3/12/13

☐ NFFA (No Further Federal Action)

NFFA Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Initiatives:

☐ Environmental Justice (EJ)

☐ Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) (MM)

☐ RCRA Deferral: (Check One) \_\_\_\_\_ Lead Confirmed (RB) \_\_\_\_\_ New Decision (RC) \_\_\_\_\_ Further Superfund Assessment (RE)

☐ Smelter Site: (Check One) \_\_\_\_\_ Smelter Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Unrecognized Smelter per 2001 Report

## Action-Level Data

### Remedial Site Assessments (RSAD/GPRA Target)

| Action Name  | Lead   | Start Date  | Compl. Date                                  | Qualifier                   |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| *Completion dates entered on the Actions designated below will count towards the RSAD GPRA target. | *If referred from Removal Program to SA, Discovery date is the date the Referral Decision is made. |   |  |                             |
| Pre-CERCLIS Screening (HX)   | F EP FF S TR   | / /   | / /  |                             |
| Preliminary Assessment (PA)  | F EP S SN TR   | / /   | / /  | AC A D F G H L N W D N B SA |
| Site Inspection (SI)   | F EP S TR  | / /   | / /  | AC A D F G H L N W D N B SA |
| Expanded Site Inspection (ESI)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F EP S TR  | <u>3/12/13</u>  | / /  | AC A D F G L N W D N B SA   |
| ESI/RI (SS)  | F EP MR PS RP S SN TR  | / /   | / /  | AC A D F G L N W D N B SA   |
| HRS Package (HR)   | F EP FF S TR   | / /   | / /  | AC D F N O W D N SA         |
| Site Reassessment (OO)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F EP S TR  | <u>6/1/12</u>   | <u>3/12/13</u>                               | AC A D F G H L N W D N B SA |
| Fed Fac PA Review (RX)   | F EP S TR  | / /   | / /  | AC A D H L N D N B SA       |
| Fed Fac SI Review (TY)   | F EP S TR  | / /   | / /  | AC A D H L N D N B SA       |
| Fed Fac ESI Review (TZ)  | F EP S TR  | / /   | / /  | AC A D G L N D N B SA       |
| Discovery (DS)   | F EP FF S TR   | / /   | / /  |                             |
| State Deferral (AQ)  | SD   | / /   | / /  | RS RT                       |
| Referred from RCRA (XR)  | F EP   | / /   | / /  | FN                          |
| Other Cleanup Activity (VA) (Enter Subaction below)  | FF SR PS RP SE S SN TR   | / /   | / /  | A D F H L N W D N B         |
| (For OCA Start, please check FAD box and add FAD date)   |  |   |  |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Site Investigation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Remedy Selection  | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Trip Report         | / /                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Construction Maintenance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Design  | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Term Cleanup           | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan Submitted | / /                         |
| Laboratory Support (LA) (add only when using START Contract)                                       | F EP FF MR SR PS RP SD S SN TR   | / /   | / /  | H L                         |
|  | Start Date - date site is initiated  |   |  |                             |
|  | Completion Date - date site is Archived  |   |  |                             |
| Site Assessment Manager (SAM) Signature  | <u>3/12/13</u>   | SA Data Entry/Report QA/QC Signature                  | <u>4/17/13</u>                               | Date                        |
| Site Assessment Branch Chief Signature   | <u>4/17/13</u>   | GPRA/CERCLIS Data Quality Coordinator (DQC) Signature | <u>4/18/13</u>                               | Date                        |



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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

## REMEDIAL SITE ASSESSMENT DECISION - EPA REGION III

|                        |                          |       |         |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Site Name:             | United Rigging & Hauling |       |         |
| CERCLIS ID#:           | MDD981106768             |       |         |
| DSN:                   | MD-248                   |       |         |
| Alias Site Names:      |                          |       |         |
| City:                  | Beltsville               |       |         |
| County:                | Prince George's          |       |         |
| State:                 | Maryland                 |       |         |
| Refer to Report Dated: | June 4, 1990             |       |         |
| Report Type:           | Site Inspection          |       |         |
| Report developed by:   | NUS Corporation for EPA  |       |         |
| Site Decision Made by: | Jan P. Szaro             | Date: | 3/12/13 |

### DECISION: H

- Further Remedial Site Assessment under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:**
  - N - NFRAP No Further Remedial Action Planned
  - A - Addressed as part of an existing NPL site (site will be entered if this is selected)
  - D - Deferred to RCRA
  - B - Addressed as part of another non-NPL site
  - W - Referred to Removal, no further Remedial Assessment
  - DN - Deferred to NRC
  - SA - Recommended as a SF Alternative Site
  - OCA - Other Cleanup Activity: Fed Fac (FF) Private Party Lead (PP) State Lead (OS)
- Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:**
  - H - Higher Priority for further assessment
  - L - Lower priority for further assessment
  - G - Recommended for HRS Scoring
  - F - Referred to Removal, Needs further Remedial Assessment

### DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:

#### *Site History*

United Rigging and Hauling (URH) operated at the site located at 6701 Ammendale Road, Prince George's County, Beltsville, MD starting in the early 1970s. Site use prior to that time is not known. URH was in the rigging and hauling business and primarily used the site for the

storage of old electrical transformers and for the storage and maintenance of heavy equipment. The electrical transformers were later salvaged for their scrap metal content.

In 1986, the owner of the site sold the property to West Side Associates who then leased out the property to others.

### ***Environmental History***

In March 1985 there was a complaint received by the Prince George's County Health Department (PGCHD) of oil draining from a storm drainage culvert into an Indian Creek tributary. PGCHD responded to the complaint and sampled the oil. Lab results indicated there was 235 ppm of PCBs in the sample. PGCHD then notified the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) of the results. The State of Maryland then collected surface water, soil and sediment samples from the Indian Creek tributary. Lab results showed PCB contamination in the soil and sediment samples. The Maryland Hazardous Waste Strike Force (HWSF) then collected numerous onsite soil samples which indicated PCB contamination as high as 55,000 ppm. HSWMA then requested EPA to address the issues at the site using emergency authority.

On May 8, 1985, EPA conducted an emergency removal action of the PCB contaminated soils and the transformers at the site. More than 760 transformers were discovered at the site. Most of the transformers were determined to belong to the Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO). A Consent Order was finalized in August 1985 whereby PEPCO took over removal operations at the site. PEPCO completed site work in January 1986.

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Post-removal sampling was conducted in 1990 (6 surface water samples, 5 sediment samples and 5 soil samples). Previous limited post-removal sampling in January 1986 (3 soil samples) had not detected PCB contamination in the ppm range. PCB contamination was detected in the majority of the 1990 samples. The highest level of 3.6 ppm was detected in the sample taken at the surface water sewer discharge pipe before entry into the unnamed tributary of Indian Creek.

### ***Pathways and Exposure***

Soil Pathway – The soils and sediments are the prime focus point. PCB contamination was detected in post removal sampling of the soils with the highest amount of 3.6 ppm occurring with the sample taken at the fence line of the site at a trench which leads to the unnamed tributary of Indian Creek.

The Groundwater, Surface Water and Air pathways were not evaluated as part of this investigation.

***Decision***

PCBs have been a focal area in the Anacostia River Watershed with numerous studies being conducted in recent years. Further investigation is needed to determine the existence and extent of PCB contamination in the area of this site due to the potential for contamination leaving the site via a site trench leading to an unnamed tributary of Indian Creek. PCBs were detected in this trench several years after the removal action was completed at the URH site. PCBs in the site trench is of particular concern since it leads to the unnamed tributary which then leads to Indian Creek and the Anacostia River. A reassessment of current site conditions was completed which noted recreational and fishing activities in the area, and concern of possible migration of PCBs into the Anacostia River Watershed indicates that more and current information is needed to assess this site. The site will be unarchived in CERCLIS and the status will be adjusted to "Higher priority for further action." Such action will take place be in the form of the initiation of an Expanded Site Inspection (ESI).

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Refer to Report Dated: 6/4/1990

County or Parish: PRINCE GEORGE'S

State: MD

Report Developed By: STATE

Report Type: SITE REASSESSMENT 001

☐ 1. Further Remedial Site Assessment Under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:

☒ 2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:  
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Site Decision Made by: JAN SZARO

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 03/12/2013

*JS* 4/18/13